

**REMARKS**

Claims 14-24 are pending in the application.

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-13, which were elected in the parent application, are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

**Conclusion**

The application is now believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

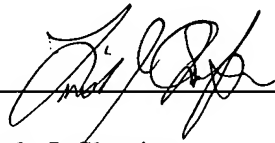
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